



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Llinas-Brunet, M. et al

Appln. No.: 09/368,670

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Examiner: D. Lukton

For: Hepatitis C Inhibitor Peptides

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

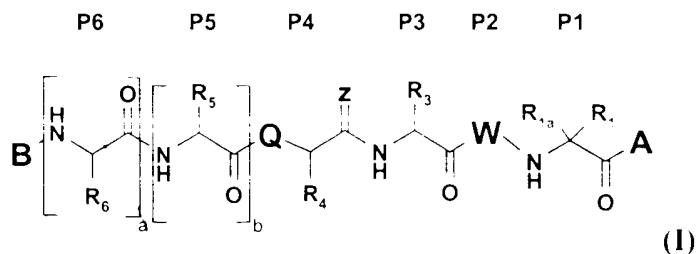
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2000. A Petition and payment for a one (1) month extension of time is being filed herewith, extending the time for response to December 8, 2000.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A compound of formula I [including] or the racemates, diastereoisomers [and] or optical isomers thereof:

wherein Q is CH₂ or N-Y wherein Y is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;a) when Q is CH₂, a is 0, b is 0, and B is an amide derivative of formula R_{11a}N(R_{11b})-C(O)-